REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4 and 5 are amended and claims 13-16 are added to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

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Changes to Claims:

Claims 13-16 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

- (Amended) The thin film transistor according to any one of Claims 1 to Claim 3, 4. Claim 1, wherein the regions, among said channel regions, in which said recombination centers are concentrated have different film thickness compared to other regions.
- 5. (Amended) The thin film transistor according to any one of Claims 1 to Claim 3, Claim 1, wherein the regions, among said channel regions, in which said recombination centers are concentrated have different surface positions compared to other regions.